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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PROMOT ON CAMBODIAN PEACE  
TALKS

THAI PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT GAVE A NEWS CONFERENCE  
ON APRIL 8. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL USIS TRANSLATION OF  
KHUKRIT'S REMARKS CONCERNING CAMBODIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

BEGIN EXCERPTS.

REPORTER: CAMBODIAN PREMIER LONG BORET MET WITH  
REPRESENTATIVES OF A POLITICAL PARTY OF THE OTHER SIDE LAST  
NIGHT.

KHUKRIT: I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THAT AT ALL. REPORTERS CAME  
AND ASKED ME ABOUT MIDDAY TODAY OF THE NEWS CONFERENCE GIVEN  
BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI IN THE ERAWAN HOTEL, IN WHICH  
HE STATED CLEARLY THAT THAILAND WILL MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR A  
MEETING BETWEEN SIHANOUK AND THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. I  
TOLD THEM I DIDN'T KNOW, THAT I HAD NOT RECEIVED REPORT YET.

I ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER JUST NOW AND HE SAID HE HAD  
NEVER SAID THAT. SO THAT IS THE END OF THE MATTER HE HAD NOT  
SAID ANYTHING AT ALL. WE ARE NOT MAKING ANY MOVE. WE ARE NOT  
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INTERFERING OR MEDDLING IN CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN

ANY WAY WHATSOEVER, OR IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS ANYBODY MIGHT HOLD ANYWHERE. SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD AND AGREEMENT REACHED. WE WOULD REJOICE WITH THEM. BUT SHOULD NO AGREEMENT BE REACHED WE WOULD FEEL SAD. IF FIGHTING IN CAMBODIA CONTINUES, THEN THAILAND AND THE THAI GOVERNMENT WILL FEEL VERY SAD. BUT IF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AMONG CAMBODIANS THEMSELVES, BLOODSHED AND LOSS OF LIFE WILL BE ENDED, AND WE WOULD REJOICE SINCE WE ARE A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. AND THAT IS ALL. BUT IT IS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS TO GO AND MEDDLE, AND TO CALL THIS AND THAT PERSON TO MEET EACH OTHER. WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL IN PERFORMING DUTIES FOR OUR OWN THAI PEOPLE. AND VARIOUS PROBLEMS ARE FACED ALL THE TIME. PROBLEMS WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON REMEDYING SPEEDILY FOR THE SAKE OF OUR OWN PEOPLE. SO WHAT REASON COULD WE HAVE TO GO AND MEDDLE IN OTHER PROBLEMS OF OURS? I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS NOW.

REPORTER: IN REGARD TO THE CAMBODIA ISSUE, SHOULD WE BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE THEM A HELPING HAND IN ORDER THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE HELD AND PEACE RESTORED TO CAMBODIA, WOULDN'T WE GIVE THEM A HELPING HAND?

KHUKRIT: IF THEY DO NOT COME AND CONTACT US. REQUESTING US FOR AID IN ANY WAY. IT WOULDN'T BE AT ALL APPROPRIATE FOR US TO RUSH AND MEDDLE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT WOULD BE GOING MUCH TOO FAR. BUT SHOULD A REQUEST BE MADE TO PASS THROUGH OUR COUNTRY. OR TO STOP OVER HERE A DAY OR TWO, WE WOULD EXTEND FACILITIES IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER. WHEN A NEIGHBOR ASKED FOR PERMISSION TO COME AND STAY IN OUR HOUSE OVERNIGHT, WE WOULD GIVE THE PERMISSION REQUESTED AND MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATION IN A HOTEL ALSO. THUS GIVING HELP IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER.  
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